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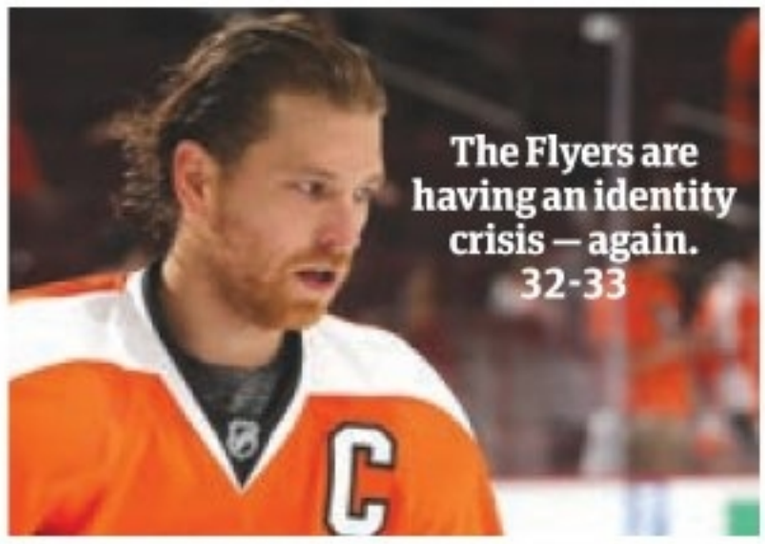

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US ENERGY DEPT. THREAT

2 A U.S. Energy Department research laboratory in Oregon was evacuated Tuesday because of a bomb threat, a spokeswoman said. Employees from the National Energy Technology Laboratory in Albany, about 70 miles south of Portland, were ordered to leave the campus after the threat was received at about 8 a.m. local time, said lab spokeswoman Shelley Martin. She could not say whether any bomb had been found on the 10-acre campus. REUTERS

SPACEX ROCKET TO FLY

3 SpaceX expects to return a repaired and upgraded Falcon 9 rocket to flight around the start of December, less than six months after one exploded shortly after liftoff. The rocket carrying a load of cargo for the International Space Station exploded less than three minutes after liftoff from Florida on June 28. REUTERS

ISRAEL-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

7 The clothes of a Palestinian student from Hebron University burn after he set himself on fire while throwing a Molotov cocktail toward Israeli soldiers and border police during clashes after protesters blocked the main north entrance of the West Bank town of Hebron with stones and tires Tuesday. The rising tide of unrest, which has seen a series of stabbing attacks and violent protests, has raised fears that a full-scale third Palestinian uprising, or intifada, could erupt. GETTY IMAGES

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NEW CAMERA IN SPACE

4 Astronauts on the International Space Station inserted an effervescent tablet in a floating ball of water to test a device that can record four times the resolution of a normal high definition camera. NASA said higher resolution images and videos from the camera can provide more information in scientific experiments. REUTERS

ASTRONAUT SCOTT KELLY

NSA CRASH SUSPECT

5 A man who allegedly stole a car and crashed into a gate at the Maryland base of the U.S. National Security Agency last week is facing multiple charges, including robbery, assault and gun and traffic violations, authorities said. Police have charged Dontae Small, 41, of Baltimore, with 13 violations ranging from driving with a revoked license to attempting to elude police, Anne Arundel County police said Monday. Small is being held in a Baltimore jail without bail on robbery, assault and gun-related charges. REUTERS

BIDEN IN RACE POLL

6 Almost half of the nation's Democrats want Joe Biden to enter the field and challenge front-runner Hillary Clinton, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll. The results come as speculation surrounding Biden's intentions has intensified, with reports having him close to a decision. REUTERS

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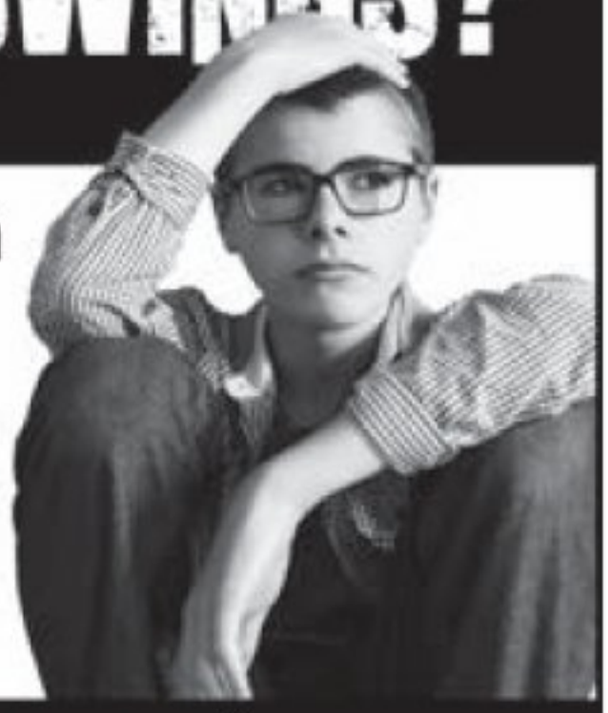

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Missing NJ toddler found dead in woods identified

Camden County prosecutors have identified a toddler found dead in a wooded area in a South Jersey town as 3-year-old Brendan Link Creato.

Investigators do not believe the child's death is suspicious.

But prosecutors say the results of the autopsy are pending and the investigation is ongoing.

No arrests have been reported and no criminal charges have been filed.

The toddler was initially reported missing Tuesday around 6 a.m. and was found dead three hours later in the woods in Haddon Township, in Cooper River Park. He was located that morning by a K-9 unit from the Delaware River Port Authority, prosecutors said.

Tipsters can contact Camden County Prosecutor's Office Detective Michael Rhoads at (856) 225-8561 or Haddon Township Police Detective Don Quinn at (856) 833-6208. Tips can also be emailed to ccpotips@ccprosecutor.org. SAM NEWHOUSE

Ice cream machine stolen

Philadelphia police are looking for two guys who may be enjoying the sweet taste of crime.

Surveillance cameras captured the pair pulling up in an old Chevy Suburban, walking into the business and driving off with a $9,000 ice cream maker from Ron's Cafe in Fern Rock.

The whole thing took about a minute. The incident happened at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 29 on the 5700 block of Broad Street, just in time for winter. Anyone with information is asked to call police. DAN KELLEY

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The future of

Bible Society is newest feather in city's cap.

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When the American Bible Society sold its swanky national headquarters in Manhattan for $300 million and decided to relocate earlier in 2015, the nearly 200-year-old ministry could have gone anywhere, as the ABS has branches throughout the United States.

It decided on Philadelphia because of its roots.

"Moving from New York City was about releasing real estate dollars that could be spent for the ministry, but we chose Philly because it is the home of our first founders," Geof Morin, the society's senior vice president, said of Philadelphia-born founding president Elias Boudinot — not to mention of John Jay, John Quincy Adams and Francis Scott Key.

"This move allows the organization to begin its third century of ministry from a city that was integral to its beginnings in 1816," said Roy Peterson, ABC president and CEO.

With the construction of a massive Mormon meetinghouse off the Parkway and the just-concluded World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia seems to be growing in stature as a U.S. hub for religious people and businesses.

Come Wednesday, the American Bible Society — one of the first nonprofits in the U.S. — will cut the ribbon on its headquarter's offices at 401 Market Street, just steps from Independence Mall, and part of Philly's historical mile.

Yet, the ABS is not just about history, but the future.

"It's nice to explore our own background, and moving to Philly is an open exploration of where our country came from and how the Bible first connected to it. But we have global partners around the world, and our work is never done," Morin said.

Peterson is focused on

holy business

Geof Morin, a senior VP with the American Bible Society (above), which translates, publishes and distributes editions of the Bible (below), inside the organization's new Philly headquarters. **MARIA S. YOUNG**

the original purpose of the American Bible Society: "to make the Bible available and alive for people in the most difficult circumstances and work with a vast global network of partners to help people encounter God in the Bible, which transforms their lives and communities."

Within that mission, ABS is attempting to translate the Bible into every language, with nearly 1,000 accomplished so far and a goal for an additional 1,800.

That role was crucial when the World Meeting of Families was in Philadelphia for Pope Francis' recent visit, as ABS distributed 500,000 free copies of a six-language edition of the Gospel of St. Luke and published a book featuring Pope Francis discussing Scripture in-depth with both Jewish and Protestant dialogue partners.

"We were very active during the pope's visit, which is why we didn't do our ribbon-cutting when we got here in August," Morin said.

The decision to sell the Broadway-located New York City headquarters, its home for 199 years, came down to what Peterson calls stewardship.

"We relinquished a facility requiring costly building updates so that we could unlock the significant market value of our mid-Manhattan address and reinvest in mission-focused ministry," he said.

ABS is still planning a Bible Discovery Center, a rare Scriptures depository and a library projected to open in 2017.

"We have our work cut out for us," Morin said.

BRIEFS

Teen sentenced for Temple student hit-and-run
Rashan Roberts, 18, the driver who turned himself in after a hit-and-run accident in which he struck Temple student Rachel Hall, was sentenced to 11 and a half to 23 months in prison Tuesday.

Roberts struck Hall on April 29 and fled. He turned himself into police May 6. Roberts admitted in court that he had hit Hall.

Hall, a lacrosse player who was due to graduate Temple the following month, is reportedly still in recovery. **METRO**

Amtrak to allow dogs and cats on Northeast trains
Amtrak recently announced that small dogs and cats can come along for the ride on its trains from Boston to Virginia.

The rail carrier made the announcement following what it says was a successful pilot program in Illinois. Spots for furry friends, however, are limited. Animals must weigh less than 20 pounds, and there's a limit of five per train. Reservations must be made 30 days in advance, and the animal must be kept in a carrier under the owner's seat. There's also a fee. It costs $25 to bring your pet aboard.

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Members of 32BJ voted unanimously in favor of a strike authorization vote on Tuesday, including Barry Williams, bottom right. PROVIDED/SAM NEWHOUSE

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Barry Williams, a member of 32BJ SEIU and a cleaner at 1735 Market Street, said he enjoys his job. But he believes that reductions to pension and health benefits that he is facing could make continuing to work a lot harder.

"We're just trying to keep our heads above water," said Williams, 44, who holds the position of shop steward, before he and 800 other commercial cleaners voted to authorize a strike if they don't reach an agreement by Oct. 15 at midnight, when their current contract expires.

These commercial cleaners work at 168 office buildings across Center City and are negotiating with Building Owners Labor Relations (BOLR), a company that represents contractors for maintenance and custodial services and building owners.

"Everything goes up, milk, eggs, rent. We have to keep pace with a decent wage," said Williams, who is also a member of the 32BJ SEIU bargaining committee. "We just want to be recognized for the hard work we do for them."

Medical benefits are especially important due to the work-related medical issues that cleaners face, he said.

"As we get older, bones start creaking. Some workers start to get arthritis, carpal tunnel syndrome. ... To take our pensions away, that would take away from the hard work we've been doing," he said.

Most cleaners earn $15-17 an hour, according to 32BJ SEIU.

"Despite strong profits for the commercial real estate industry, BOLR has called for unprecedented cuts to the cleaners' health benefits and pensions, potentially decimating the benefits that make these jobs family-sustaining," the union said in a statement.

> *"We take pride in what we do. We've made careers out of it."*
> Williams

Williams said cleaners want to continue working, even when it involves tasks like shoveling during last winter's heavy snowfall.

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Medical school renamed for Katz

An honor for the late famed philanthropist.

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A new Lewis Katz portrait FRANCESCO MERNINI/PROVIDED

Temple University on Tuesday announced a new honor for late famed Philly philanthropist and businessman Lewis Katz.

Katz, a 1963 Temple alum and member of the university's board of trustees, had planned a $25 million gift to Temple "prior to Katz's untimely passing in May 2014," the school said. "His contribution is the largest single donation in Temple's history."

The Lewis Katz School of Medicine will be commemorated Tuesday in an invitation-only ceremony, Temple said.

A portrait of Katz by artist Francesco Mernini was dedicated and will hang in the medical school's lobby.

Katz died when his private plane crashed in May 2014 just days after he and partner Gerry Lenfest purchased the company that owns the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com.

Katz's favorite quote, by UCLA basketball coach John Wooden, will be added to the dean's conference room wall: "You can't live a perfect day unless you do something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

Home invasion shooting victim dies

The 50-year-old man was shot in the head.

A father of three shot in the head Monday night during a Southwest Philly home invasion has been identified as Tony Harris.

The 50-year-old victim was shot once in the head after three gunmen, who appeared to be teens, burst into the man's home on the 1100 block of Ruby Street shortly before midnight Monday.

The men walked into the house through an unlocked front door and demanded money.

The victim's wife told police the men took her into a separate room and ordered her to turn over cash. She told them she didn't have any.

That's when she heard a gunshot that killed her husband.

The gunmen fled the house.

Homicide Capt. James Clark said police were interviewing the victim's relatives to determine why the gunmen thought the victim had cash.

> *"They felt there was a large amount of money somewhere in the house. Why they thought that, we don't know."* Clark

Police believe he repaired small electronics in the neighborhood, and that his wife may have posted a picture on Facebook posing with a large amount of cash.

"We do know of that post that was put up," said Clark. "That's a possible motive that we're looking at, but we do not know that definitively. They kept saying 'Where is the money?' That lets us think that they felt there was a large amount of money somewhere in the house. Why they thought that, we don't know."

Investigators recovered a shotgun from the porch of the house. Clark said it appears the gun belonged to the victim, and that the suspects tried to steal it and dropped it as they fled the scene.

Harris' three children, ages 5, 2, and 10 months, were also in the house at the time of the robbery.

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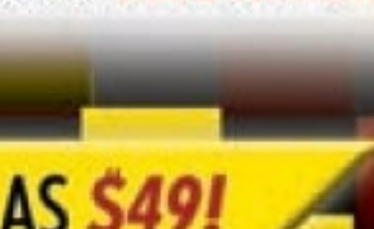

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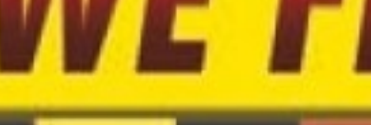

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Four Baltimore cops' statements admissible in Gray death case

Gray, 25, suffered a spinal cord injury after being arrested in April and transported in a police van.

Officer Caesar R. Goodson Jr., Officer Edward M. Nero, Officer Garrett E Miller (top L-R), Officer William G. Porter, Lt. Brian W. Rice, Sgt. Alicia D. White (bottom L-R), are pictured. BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT/HANDOUT

Statements given during an internal police investigation by four Baltimore officers charged in the death of a black man from an injury in police custody were made admissible in court on Tuesday.

Ruling against a defense motion, Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Barry Williams found that Sgt. Alicia White, one of the six officers charged in the death of Freddie Gray, had spoken without duress to internal investigators probing Gray's death.

"Sgt. White had the opportunity to say no," Williams said during the first day of a two-day pretrial hearing.

Three of those charged — Lt. Brian Rice and Officers Garrett Miller and Edward Nero — also agreed to drop motions to suppress their statements.

Five of the six officers had made statements to police carrying out an internal investigation.

A Black Lives Matter May Day Action protest in support of of Freddie Gray on May 1, 2015, in Baltimore. GETTY IMAGES

The only one to decline to give a statement, van driver Officer Caesar Goodson, faces the most serious charge: second-degree depraved-heart murder. He faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

White's attorney, Ivan Bates, had contended that she had not been advised of her rights before being questioned and had been compelled to speak to investigators.

Under questioning by Deputy State's Attorney Janice Bledsoe, Det. Michael Boyd said he had not told White of her rights before questioning her on April 12.

A second investigator, Det. Syreeta Teal, testified that White signed a form waiving the rights when she was questioned a few days later at police headquarters.

The rights include the Miranda warning to remain silent and state law that mandates protections for officers during misconduct investigations.

White and two other officers are charged with manslaughter, assault and misconduct.

The officers are facing individual trials, with starting dates scheduled from Nov. 20 to March. Williams also could hear arguments about what information prosecutors will have to share with the defense.

White and two of the other officers are black, and the remaining three are white. REUTERS

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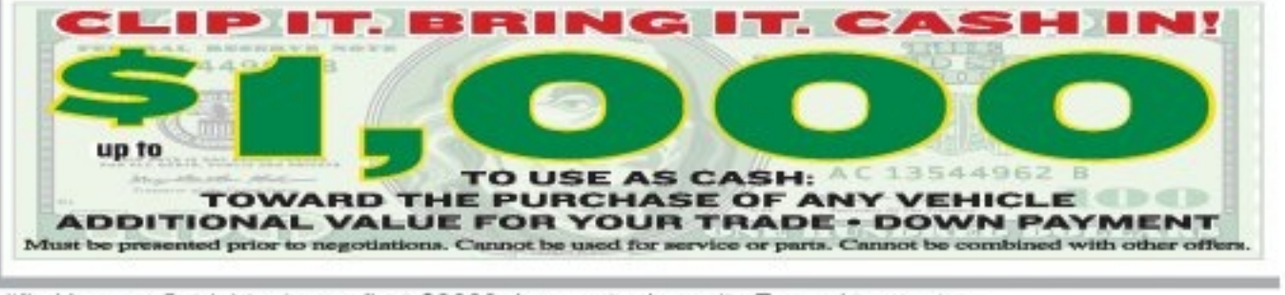
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Iraq using info from new intelligence center to bomb Islamic State militants

The new security apparatus based in Baghdad suggests the United States is losing clout in the Middle East, where it has been heavily invested for years.

Iraqi Kurdish Peshmerga fighters prepare a mortar shell as they guard a position at the frontline of fighting against Islamic State. GETTY IMAGES

Iraq has begun bombing Islamic State insurgents with help from a new intelligence center with staff from Russia, Iran and Syria, a senior parliamentary figure said on Tuesday about cooperation seen as a threat to U.S. interests in the region.

The center has been operational for about a week, and it provided intelligence for airstrikes on a gathering of middle-level Islamic State figures, Hakim al Zamili, the head of parliament's defense and security committee, told Reuters.

Two weeks ago Russia started bombing anti-government rebels in neighboring Syria, including the ultra hardline Islamic State, to support its ally, President Bashar al-Assad, to the consternation of the West.

Iraqi officials, frustrated with the pace and depth of the U.S. military campaign against Islamic State, have said they will lean heavily on Washington's former Cold War rival Russia in the battle against the Sunni Muslim jihadists.

Two Russian one-star generals are stationed at the intelligence center in Baghdad, according to an Iraqi official who asked not to be named.

"The idea is to formalize the relationship with Iran, Russia and Syria. We wanted a full-blown military alliance."

The Iraqi official

Zamili, a leading Shi'ite Muslim politician, said each of the four member countries has six members in the intelligence sharing and security cooperation cell, which holds meetings in Baghdad's fortified "Green Zone" that once housed the headquarters of the U.S. occupation.

Iran, a longtime Middle East adversary of the United States, already boasts deep influence in Iraq. Iranian military advisers help direct Baghdad's campaign against Islamic State, which aims to expand its self-proclaimed caliphate in the Middle East.

It is Russia's participation in the intelligence hub that is causing the most Western anxiety.

Washington, with a history of close security links with Baghdad, now worries the intelligence center may foster closer Russian-Iraqi ties, particularly with respect to operations against Islamist militants, a U.S. security official said. REUTERS

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Dutch report Flight MH17 downed by a Russian-built Buk missile

The report also seemed certain to strengthen calls within the airline industry for a review of how information is shared in conflict zones.

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down over eastern Ukraine by a Russian-made Buk missile, the Dutch Safety Board concluded on Tuesday in its final report on the crash in July 2014 that killed all 298 people on board, most of them Dutch.

But the long-awaited findings of the board, which was not empowered to address questions of responsibility, did not point the finger at any group or party for launching the missile.

A bitter war was raging in eastern Ukraine between Russian-backed separatists and Ukrainian government forces when the aircraft was downed and, amid a huge international outcry, many Western experts and governments immediately blamed the rebels.

Russia for its part disputes that a Buk may have been used. Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov responded to the report by saying there had been "an obvious attempt to draw a biased conclusion, and carry out political orders," according to Russian news agencies.

The Safety Board report said that simulations of the missile's trajectory showed it came from somewhere in an area covering some 320 kilometers southeast of Grabovo, Ukraine — an area mostly controlled by separatists.

A piece of debris of the fuselage at the crash site of MH17 near the village of Hrabove. GETTY IMAGES

The makers of the Buk said their tests had shown that the aircraft could not have been hit by a missile fired from rebel-controlled territory.

Although the report did not assign blame, it is almost certain to further strain diplomatic ties between the Netherlands and its allies and Russia.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte urged Russia to cooperate fully with a separate criminal investigation that the Netherlands is leading, with participation from Malaysia, Australia, Ukraine and Belgium.

The White House called the report an "important milestone in the effort to hold accountable those responsible." REUTERS

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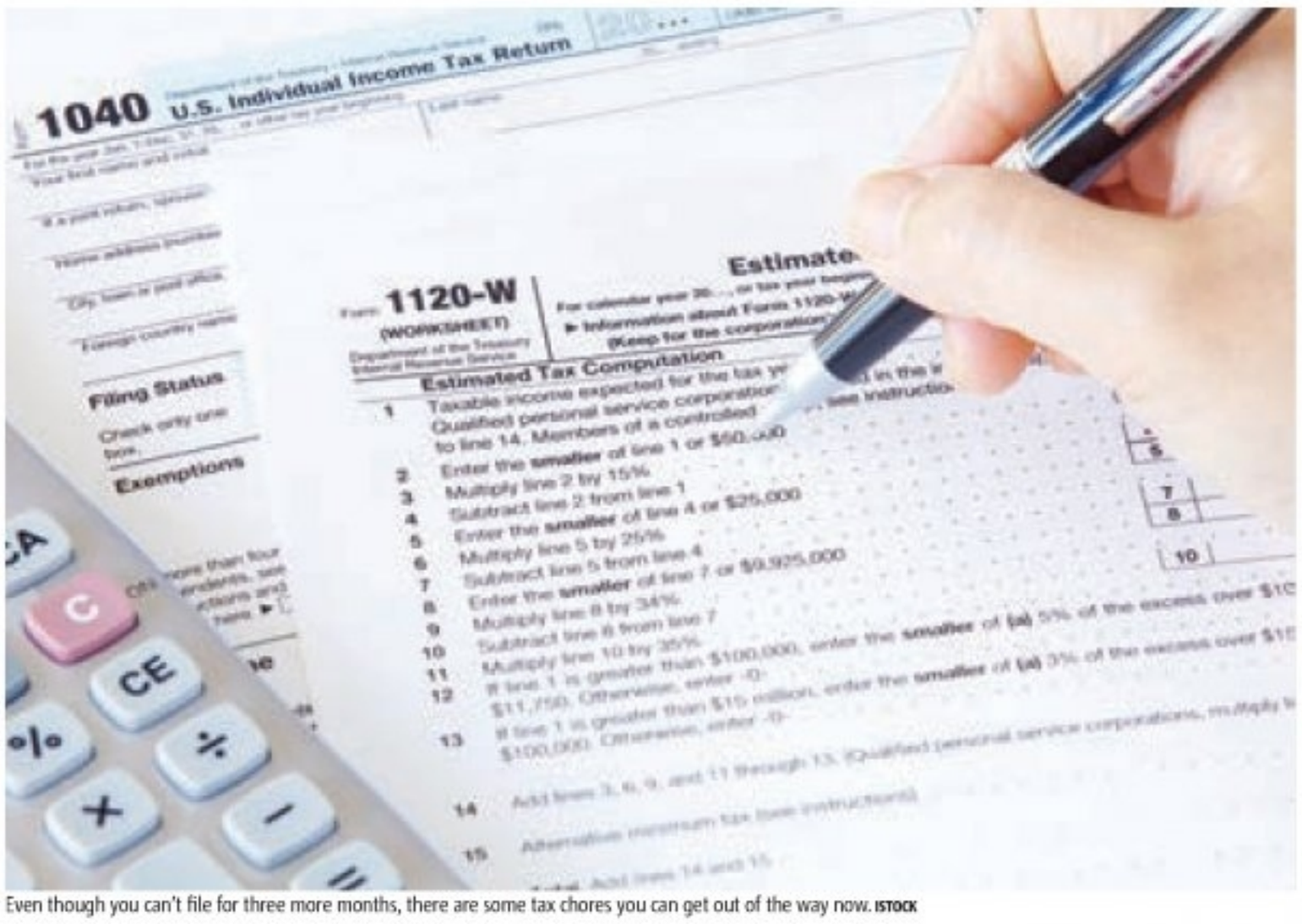

Even though you can't file for three more months, there are some tax chores you can get out of the way now. ISTOCK

Experts weigh in on the key ways you can plan ahead.

Taxpayers face a cliffhanger again this year as Congress dithers about extending more than 50 expired tax breaks, including popular deductions for college tuition and fees, mortgage insurance and sales taxes. As we wait for lawmakers to act, we still have time left in the year to make adjustments based on changes that have already happened. Here are four ways to adjust your tax planning:

1 Reconsider Roths

The volatile stock market means some people might want to take advantage of lower stock values to convert traditional IRAs, funded with pretax money, to Roths, which are funded with aftertax money and whose profits can be withdrawn tax-free. They can also redo conversions made last year, when stock values were higher, says Mark Luscombe, principal federal tax analyst for Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting US. People can undo, or "recharacterize," a 2014 Roth conversion until Oct. 15. Then they have the option to convert back to a Roth if they wait 30 days, or until the year after the original conversion, whichever is later.

2 Amend past returns for same-sex couples

The Supreme Court decision in June that eliminated remaining state marriage bans also ended the tax return two-step that required many couples to file federal returns as married but state returns as singles, says Annette Nellen, professor of accountancy and taxation at San Jose State University.

Same-sex couples also have the option — but not the obligation — to amend previous years' returns in the states that previously required them to file as singles, Nellen says.

3 Avoid rising Obamacare penalties

The penalty for not having had coverage for at least nine months in 2015 is now the greater of 2 percent of household income, or $325 for each adult and $162.50 for each child with a $975 household limit. If you have not signed up already, it is obviously too late to get in nine months of coverage, but there are a number of hardship exemptions. One waives the fine if the lowest-cost coverage available to you exceeds 8 percent of your household's income, says Kirstin Esposito, senior technical manager on the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)'s tax advocacy team.

4 Check your "independent contractor" status

The Department of Labor took aim this summer at employers who may be misclassifying workers as contractors to reduce their companies' tax and health insurance obligations.

A July 15 memo says most workers being treated as independent contractors were actually employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The government issued new guidance that could be used by regulators and courts to order employers to pay back wages, interest and penalties as well as health insurance fines.

Workers who suspect they are being misclassified can alert the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor or both.

The truly bold — or those who do not care about continued employment with the company — can file a Form SS-8 with the IRS to explain why they are an employee rather than a contractor and Form 4852 as a substitute W-2, says Eva Rosenberg, an enrolled agent.

Employers who classify workers as contractors should consult with a tax professional — and with an attorney if they have deliberately misclassified people, Nellen says. "The risks are really quite high, and they've gone up because of the Affordable Care Act," Nellen says. "You can have significant exposure."

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3 things to know about Leonardo DiCaprio's fiancee, Kelly Rohrbach

It's been 24 hours and the Internet is still processing Leonardo DiCaprio's surprise engagement to 25-year-old Kelly Rohrbach. Who knew he had even narrowed it down to one model? So, who is the woman who got him to commit? A few key facts here:

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1. She's a model, obviously. You didn't think DiCaprio would wed a mere mortal, did you? Rohrbach graced Sports Illustrated's swimsuit issue for the first time this year, winning its Rookie of the Year award. But like DiCaprio, she's an actor, too. Rohrbach studied acting at London's Academy of Music and Dramatic Art and has guest starred on "Two and a Half Men" and "The New Normal." She was also the lead in the CW's "The P.E.T. Files."

2. She has brains as well as beauty. Rohrbach isn't "just another model." (Sorry.) She attended Georgetown University, majoring in theater. After graduation, she moved to L.A. to pursue her acting and modeling dreams.

3. She golfs. DiCaprio is an avid golfer, and so is Rohrbach. She actually was recruited to play Division One Women's Golf in college, so she might even be able to beat him, too. OK, we get it. She has it all.

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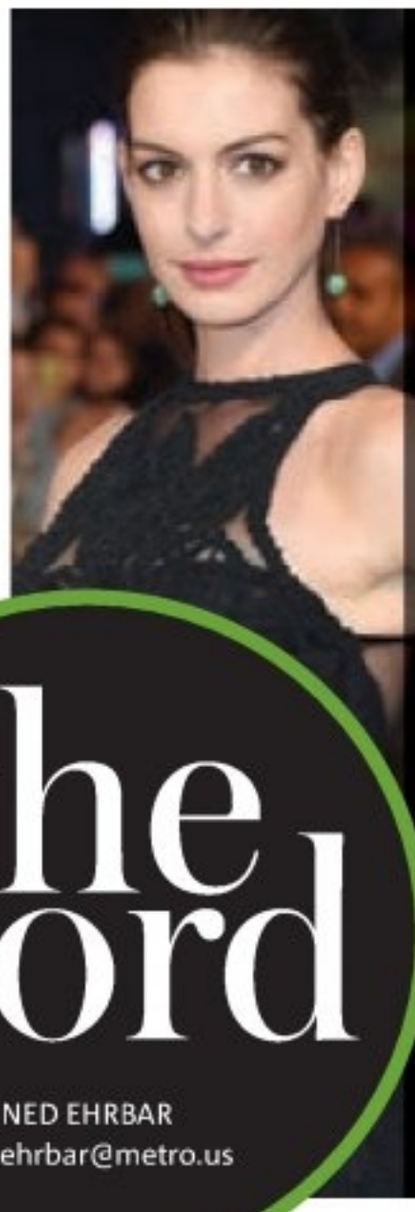

Do not mess up Anne Hathaway's breakfast order

All that work Anne Hathaway has done to warm up her frosty image gets dumped down the drain just like that, thanks to one deliciously detailed report of her sending back her breakfast four — yes, four! — times. According to a TMZ spy with a great sense for both specifics and comic timing, Oscar-winner Hathaway was at Paramount last week shooting a Japanese commercial when she made what seemed at the time to be a pretty simple breakfast order: a poached egg, a toasted English muffin and some avocado. But the egg was too runny, so she sent it back. Then the muffin was too cold because it had sat there while the second egg was being poached, so she sent it back. Then the second egg was too cold because it had sat there while a new English muffin was toasted so… she sent it back. And then — and then! — everything was fine on the fourth attempt, except by then she'd changed her mind and decided she was more in the mood for a fried egg. So she sent it back. Oh man. Oh man, oh man, oh man. Honestly, I just feel bad for the caterer, who will obviously never poach an egg in this town again.

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Am I a narcissist?

This is a rare moment of introspection from a professional YouTuber, as Anna Akana stops to ponder how much her chosen professional life has warped her outlook on the world. But even this supermeta, faux-deep exploration into the nature of Internet navel-gazing is in and of itself incredibly narcissistic, and I can't help feeling like Akana is just patting herself on the back for making the observations. Whoa. It's like we're caught in some sort of self-reflexive narcissism spiral. Oh, you know, YouTube.

Ben Affleck really trying to patch things up

Now that he's got that whole misguided affair with the nanny mess behind him, Ben Affleck is reportedly going out of his way to play nice with soon-to-be ex-wife Jennifer Garner. He's even started going to church with Garner and the kids — at Garner's insistence, according to E! News. "On the weekends they spend a lot of time together with outings to the farmers market and church. He is definitely going along with what she wants and doing the best he can to fix things," a source says. So how's that working out for him? "She has not forgiven him for things that have happened, but she's committed to keeping her children happy." Oh. Awkward. Still, keeping his family busy on Sundays means they're not watching "Project Greenlight," which can only help.

Daniel Craig would not hang out with James Bond

It looks like Daniel Craig is finally having some fun with this press tour for "Spectre," probably his last outing as James Bond. While sitting down with British talk show host Jonathan Ross for a chat, Craig ruminates on whether he'd want to socialize much with his special agent alter ego. "Would he be someone who you would avoid because he's so emotionally closed?" Ross asks, to which Craig replies, "That would be low down the list. The fact that he kills people three times a week" is a bigger issue. I mean, he has a point.

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'BOOGIE NIGHTS'

Look at how adorbs 1997 Mark Wahlberg and John C. Reilly are as they create 1977 in "Boogie Nights."

When Paul Thomas Anderson's porno world epic crashed 1997, the director was a precocious tyro, wearing his Altman and Scorsese influences on his sleeve. Now he's found his own deeply eccentric voice. Even if it's oversaturated with look-at-me long takes that sometimes ring hollow (and sometimes really are nifty), "Boogie Nights" is at least endearingly derivative — a hungry kid infectiously gorging in a massive candy store. And sometimes Anderson does find his voice. Nothing from "There Will Be Blood" and "The Master" can top this one's Alfred Molina bit, where Marky Mark, John C. Reilly and Thomas Jane attempt to rip off his coked-up hellion, who can't stop playing air-drum to Night Ranger.

'FIVE ELEMENTS NINJAS'

These strapping badasses are among the foes in 1982's Shaw Brothers great "Five Elements Ninjas."

A rash of Shaw Brother martial arts classics just got dumped onto Instant, and though you should dial up "The Five Deadly Venoms" and "The 36th Chamber of the Shaolin," the more adventurous ought to spring for this atypically bloody entry. The plot doesn't matter, but it does eventually pit our heroes against five sets of weirdo psychos, each with a shtick pertaining to the Earth's five basic elements: One is dudes with spears poking out of the ground, and we'll leave the others unspoilered. If you think ass-kicking and gore should go together like nuts and gum, then this your wildest dream.

'CHEATIN''

These beautifully rough images keep a-comin' in Bill Plympton's seventh feature, "Cheatin.'" ALL IMAGES PROVIDED

Legendary animator Bill Plympton ("I Married a Strange Person," "Mutant Aliens") has happily stayed hunkered in the underground, cranking out shorts and features that never stray from the deliberately rough and even more deliberately out-there. His seventh feature relates a typically eccentric tale: a love story between a beauty and a hunk who meet-cute during a near-fatal bumper car incident. Plot, as ever with Plympton, is both beside the point and unfailingly bizarre, but the real hook is the animation — a cascade of flowing images spewing from a particularly id-y id. Even when you can't follow it, you can just stare in amazement.

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Lilly Singh still can't believe her face is on a billboard

Lilly Singh has almost 7 million subscribers. A documentary about her life is coming out next year. KELLY NEAL

The YouTube star opens up about taking on touchy subjects and garnering almost 7 million subscribers.

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YouTube vlogger Lilly Singh still hasn't processed her newfound fame, let alone that her picture is plastered on billboards and buses. "It's such an overwhelming feeling, it's kind of hard to take in," the 27-year-old says. "I feel like maybe two weeks from now I'll just be sitting somewhere random and it'll hit me."

Singh's YouTube channel, where she uses the alias IISuperwomanII, has almost 7 million subscribers. She just finished a 30-city world tour of her live show, "A Trip to Unicorn Island," and she has two more shows this year. But she still manages to post a video every Monday and Thursday that aims to make her audience laugh, while still covering the serious topics.

Taking on tough subjects

Negative comments about her Indian heritage in the past make seeing herself on a billboard that much more exciting. "The most special thing about the billboard is the fact that it's so fearlessly multicultural," Singh says.

Singh has been known to talk about subjects like racism and depression in her videos, in a positive way. "When you can laugh at something and have fun watching it, a message is easier to get across," says Singh. "I tend not to make my content 'Hey, I'm going to talk about racism or depression, now let me tell you why it's wrong.' I don't think that's as effective as intertwining messages with comedy."

Real life, online

To come up with ideas for her videos, Singh draws experience from what's going on in her life. "A lot of my content is genuinely things that happen throughout my day," she says. "I take it and exaggerate it in a way that's funny. My main goal is to make something that people can relate to. If it happened in my day, chances are it happened in someone else's day."

The relatable element also applies to the other huge project she has in the works — the documentary that covers her tour, "A Trip to Unicorn Island."

"It's not just the story of the tour — it's the story of me being thrown in a completely uncomfortable situation of having to learn something I have no idea

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about," Singh says. "It's this really interesting story of millennials taking charge and learning new things."

The documentary will be released next year.

"It's coming out when I say it's perfect," jokes Singh. "But when it comes out it, is going to be the biggest, baddest, most awesome thing."

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Lilly Singh's tips for getting started on YouTube

1. Be ready to work hard.
"Don't think it's easy — know it's very hard. Everything I do is for my job, but I love it at the same time."

2. Ignore the trolls.
"You definitely need a thick skin. People are behind a screen and will say whatever they want to say to you."

3. Just do it.
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Katherine Waterston is staying in the big leagues

The actress was glad to be part of "Steve Jobs," which isn't your typical biography.

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In the last year, mostly thanks to "Inherent Vice," Katherine Waterston has made the shift from struggling actor to an "it girl." When we speak, she's in London shooting the "Harry Potter" spinoff "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." Right now, she's promoting another major release: "Steve Jobs," the Aaron Sorkin-penned story of the late Apple icon (played by Michael Fassbender) and the frenzied buildup to three of his most significant product launches. Waterston plays Chrisann Brennan, an ex who's justifiably furious with Jobs, as he doesn't want to claim paternity of their young daughter.

The move to major productions must be jarring. How have you dealt with it?

It's not really as much of a shift as I probably imagined when I would be fantasizing about having a proper career. [Laughs] You don't know what you're doing, and it all comes together at the last minute.

Sorkinese seems like it might be daunting.

The only part that was terrifying was when I was auditioning and I thought, "Am I anywhere near good enough to speak these words?" But actually, it's so much scarier to try and make poor writing sound good than it is to play around with really great dialogue. This is just like getting shot out of a cannon. You're supported by such a great structure. There's so much humor and intelligence. And a great rhythm. The writing does so much of your performing for you that you can relax, in a way. I would have thought, "Oh my God, I'll be a ball of nerves. I'll be so paranoid about getting that comma

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In "Steve Jobs," in area theaters Friday, Katherine Waterston plays Chrisann Brennan, an ex of the Apple icon who fought for him to acknowledge paternity of their daughter. FRANCOIS DUHAMEL

right or did I pause there? Did I cut him off in time?" But he writes the way people think.

This isn't a traditional biopic, so we don't see all of Brennan's history with Jobs. How do you handle suggesting a character's entire history only in fragments?

One thing I was thinking about was, how do I show the audience that this is an old dynamic, this is an old relationship? She's had some of these arguments before. I had to make sure it didn't feel fresh, that it felt like a worn-out relationship. It's so much more a portrait than a biopic. A lot of these biopics make us feel like we really know someone, and that's a dangerous thing to do to the public. Because it's never really true. You see these biopics where one dramatic thing happens after another, and this is why they became the artists they became, because of that one thing. No human I have ever met has ever had that experience — that one moment. They're a little irresponsible and deceptive.

A smile goes a long way

Danny Boyle seems like an outside-the-box choice of director, as his films tend to be very heavy on visuals.

He's just a really great leader. He kept the energy up on set. That sounds like a dumb thing, but it really makes a difference when you're freaking out about your own performance and trying to rise to the occasion, and you've been working eight, nine hours. He maintained the urgency, and he did that with a smile on his face.

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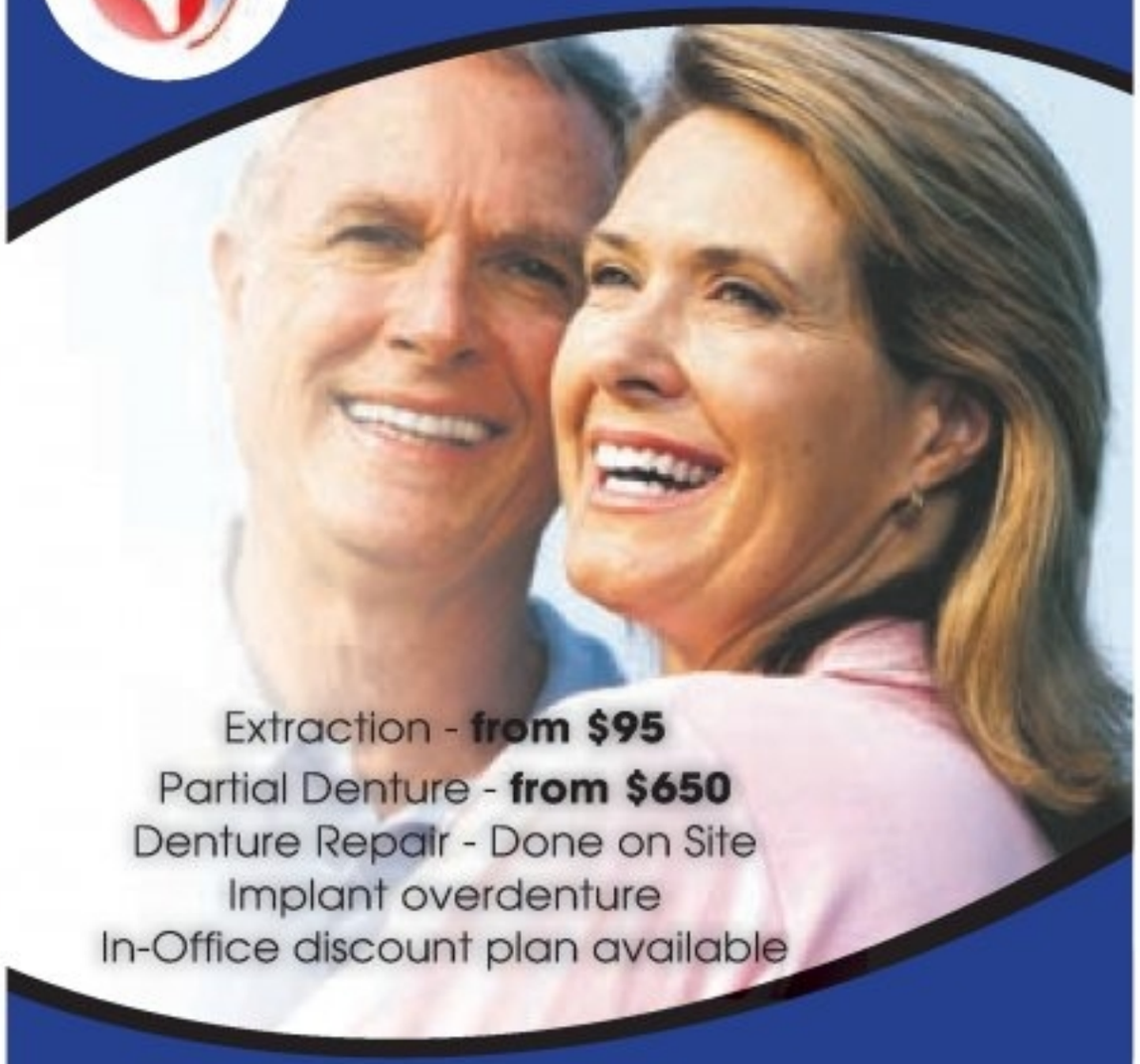

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Our friends at Sigmund's pretzels have changed the way we think about pretzels. No longer the things we grab out of desperation while holiday shopping, Sigmund's pretzels are deeply golden with crispy nubbins, perfect for smearing with mustard alongside chicken-apple sausages and the wilted cabbage, onions and carrots we're calling "quick kraut." OK, not kraut exactly, but definitely quick. Grab some cold brews and it's an Oktoberfest. Cook, relax and enjoy!

Cooking time: 30 minutes
Attributes: poultry
Calories: 915kcal/person
Allergens: gluten

What we send
- 1 red onion (7 oz)
- ½ head green cabbage (24 oz)
- 8 oz carrots
- 4 chicken-apple sausages (12 oz)
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds (0.12 oz)
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar (2 oz)
- 2 Sigmund's pretzels (5 oz each)
- Gulden's spicy brown mustard (1 oz)

What you need
- olive oil
- coarse salt
- sugar
- freshly ground black pepper

Equipment
- box grater
- large skillet

Directions:

1 Prep vegetables. Preheat oven to 400°F. Trim root from onion. Peel, halve and thinly slice. Halve cabbage through the core and remove core. Thinly slice cabbage. Shred carrots on the large holes of a box grater.

2 Brown sausages. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook, turning often, until browned all over, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a plate.

3 Cook onions and cabbage. Add onion and sauté until softened, about 4 minutes. Add caraway seeds, cabbage, vinegar, 1 cup water and 2 teaspoons salt. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until cabbage is wilted and tender, 10–12 minutes.

4 Finish cabbage. Add carrots to cabbage mixture along with ½ teaspoon sugar and toss gently to combine. Nestle sausages into cabbage mixture, cover, and cook until carrots are tender and sausages are warm, about 5 minutes.

5 Warm pretzels. Place pretzels directly on rack in warm oven. Bake until warmed through, about 5 minutes.

6 Serve. Serve cabbage and sausages with pretzels and mustard. Enjoy!

Creating endless patterns

Street artist Momo's newest work is going up on the side of the Sonesta in Center City.

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The Sonesta mural, above, is currently being installed. Momo's mural in Fishtown, at bottom, is finished. ALL PHOTOS STEVE WEINIK FOR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA MURAL ARTS PROGRAM

Hold on to some of that geometry you learned in 10th grade — it might come in handy later, especially if your job is to paint one of the tallest murals in the city.

New Orleans-based street artist Momo used practical geometry to design the towering new mural going up on the side of the Sonesta hotel at 18th and Market. The technique, employed by masons and carpenters (though less often now in the digital age), is a straightforward way to map out geometric shapes.

Momo explains his process of transforming a concept into a mural via practical geometry as a "direct scaling of designs from notebook to wall. … The tools scale up and down by their nature.

"The economy of means is attractive," he continues, "pulling endless patterns and perfect polygons from just a nail and string. The details come for free, from nature."

Momo's distinctive murals — seen everywhere from the John Hancock Tower in Boston, to a school in Besacon, France, to a collective art studio in Tulum, Mexico — are abstract: bright colors intersect as tightly formed geometric shapes, some made of perfectly spaced series of curved lines, like grooves on a record.

He describes his murals as "concrete" and in line with "the language of architecture, so we confront buildings on their own terms" as opposed to creating visual illusions such as 3-D. This art doesn't demand "a trompe-l'oeil fantasy on the part of the viewer," he says.

The Sonesta mural is Momo's second project in Philly for the Mural Arts Program's "Open Source: Engaging Audiences in Public Spaces," which includes 16 artists, both local and visiting, working on 14 large-scale projects. His first is in Fishtown, where Momo worked with students from the Kensington Creative and Performing Arts High School and Freire Charter School through Mural Arts' art education program.

Momo taught the concept of practical geometry and using math in art in the classroom, then collaborated with the students to create a long mural on Frankford Avenue (pictured, left).

"These ancient and eloquent techniques of craftsmen, draftsmen and architects bleed freely into areas of music theory, cosmology and science," he says. "It's fascinating to think that simple constructions on a wall or notebook can touch such a vast history of curiosity and achievement coming from virtually every culture."

See the art

Jane Golden, director of the Mural Arts Program, is hosting an Open Source walking tour on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The tour meets at the Open Source Hub on the first floor of the Graham Building (30 S. 15th St.) and goes to works by several artists, including Momo. If you can't make this one, there's another walking tour on Oct. 25, led by Open Source curator Pedro Alonzo. Both tours are $25.

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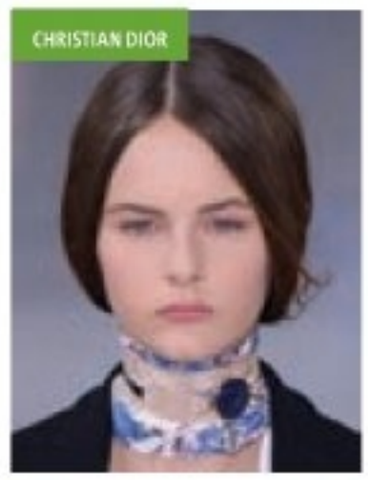
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Capricorn Business matters will be easier to handle than personal issues. Emotional turmoil will cloud your judgment.

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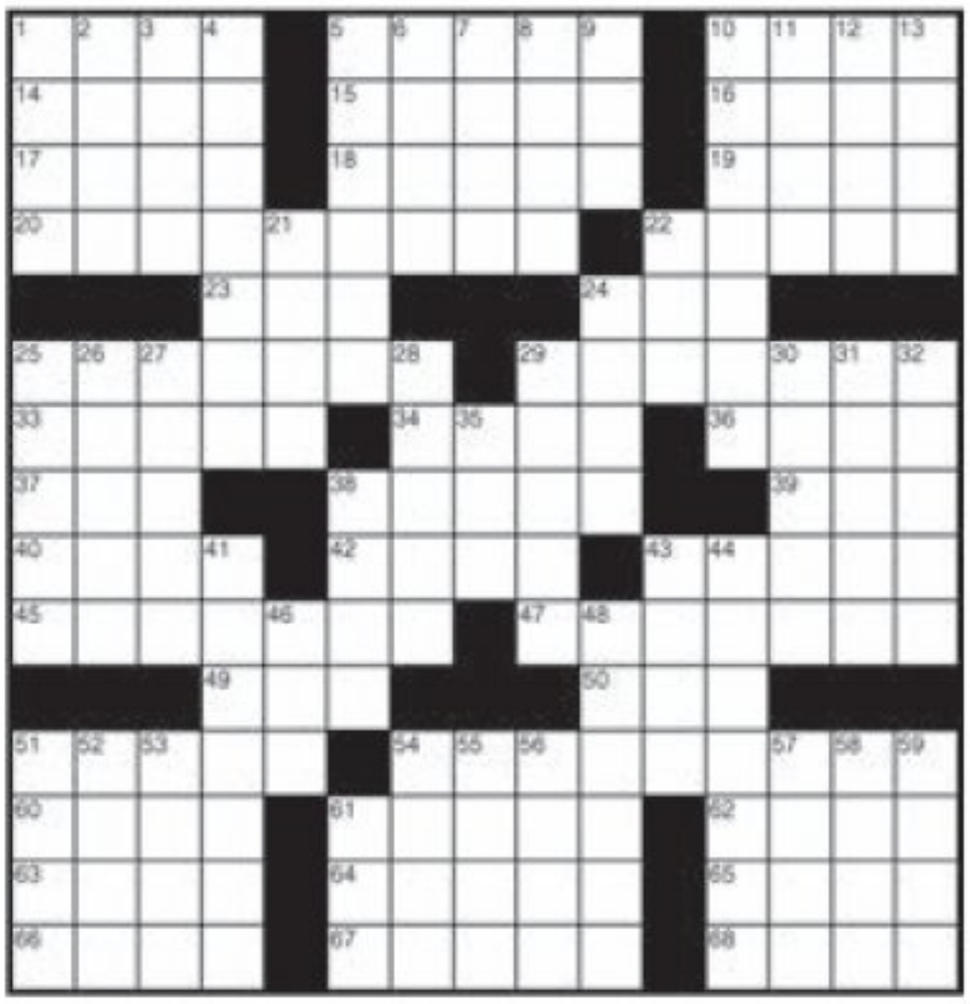

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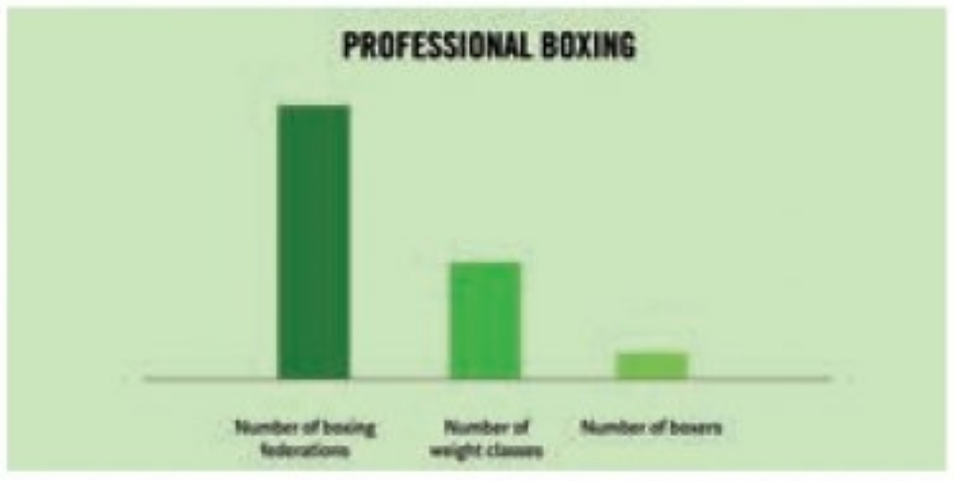

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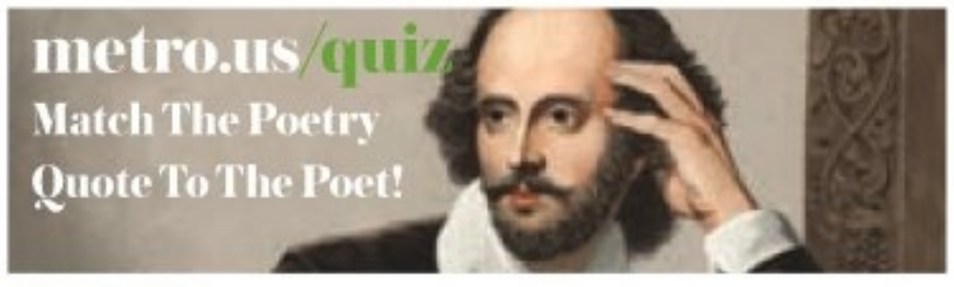

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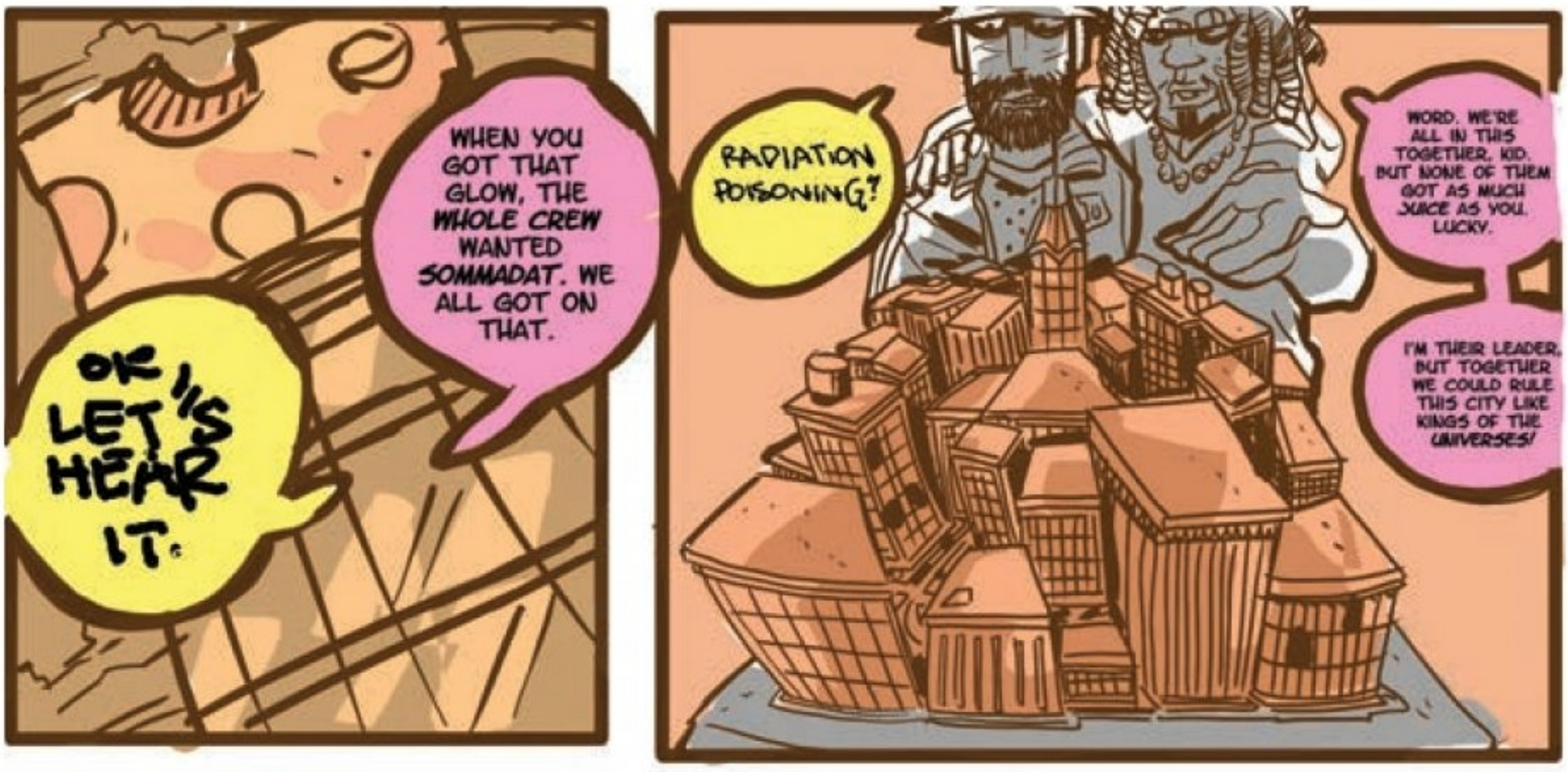
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How to organize a fall cleanup

Spruce up your streets — with a little help from your friends and neighbors.

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If a block or park in your neighborhood needs a little TLC, you don't have to go it alone. The city's Community Partnership Program lends tools — likes rakes, shovels and gloves — and provides trash bags (just fill out a request form at phila.gov). Julie Hancher from environmental blog Green Philly tells us how to take those tools and set up a successful fall cleanup.

Spread the word

"There are so many resources but they aren't well-known, so people don't organize [clean-ups] themselves," says Hancher. But it's easier and less stressful than it sounds, she promises. After setting a date, use social media to let your circle knows where to show up."Create a Facebook invite and invite your friends," says Hancher. "If you want to get the word out to your neighbors, contact your local community development corporation or neighborhood committee. And there's the old-school way of posting fliers in coffee shops."

Bring snacks

Everyone loves free food (or beer!). Persuade a local restaurant to provide a free or discounted edible incentive for neighbors who may be on the fence about attending — the restaurant benefits when its surroundings are improved, too.

"Pairing it with a happy hour, breakfast, or lunch is a big appeal," says Hancher. "I'm a big believer in local business owners."

Take names

Bring a sign-in sheet and ask people who show up to share their email with you. This way when it's time to set up the next one, you have a group of people to contact. And then, Hancher says, "Philadelphia will get cleaner and more beautiful by the day."

Pitch in

No time to set up your own event? Here are two other ways to get involved.

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The very active New Kensington Community Development Corp. is hosting its biggest cleanup of the season. And, following Julie Hancher's tips, there are after-parties at Liberty Choice, for pizza and ice cream, or Philadelphia Brewing, for beer and barbecue.

PlanPhilly: Neighborhood Civics 101
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Interested in getting involved in your neighborhood association? Already involved but looking to take a more active role? PlanPhilly invited leaders from the South of South Neighborhood Association, the Northern Liberties Neighborhood Association, the East Passyunk Crossing Civic Association and other community organizations to tell us how to get started. The ticket price includes snacks.

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Halloween decor tricks and treats

Plastic spiders not for you? Keep things spooky-chic with these expert tips.

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Believe us when we say that we love a good over-the-top Halloween display. To the guy who turned his lawn into a zombie graveyard, we salute you. To the woman who scaled skeletons up the side of her brownstone, we're impressed. But let's say you want to acknowledge the holiday in a more subtle way. That can be tricky during the month of fake spiderwebs and cardboard tombstones, so we hit up the experts. Here are their best spooky-chic tips for the season.

Incorporate natural elements, like dried hydrangea. LINDA BRADEN

White pumpkins make a great neutral accent. LINDA BRADEN

Cheap hack

There's no sense breaking the bank for seasonal decorations. The easiest way to upgrade your look for less? Spray paint. "You can transfer a cheap dollar store item into a beautiful decoration with the right spray-painted finish," says Tabone.

Punch up your pumpkins

With all due respect to the classic Jack-O'-Lantern, perhaps it's time to give him a little makeover. Ruthie Tabone of *Refashionably Late* recommends dropping the carving knife and instead opting for a chic, neutral paint job. "I really love the black, white and gold combo right now," she says. For a little bling, try adding metallic studs.

Think moody, not spooky

You can channel the spirit of the season without the skulls and crossbones. "My favorite sophisticated way to nod at Halloween right now is to use large photos and artwork of moody, dark florals," says Julia Konya, a lifestyle and design blogger at *Cuckoo4Design*. "Or you could just create your own arrangement," she adds. "I'm really drawn to dark, mysterious creations that use lots of black, maroon and dark greens."

Go natural

As a general rule, if nature made it, it'll never look dated or tacky. "Pumpkins, acorns and dried hydrangeas add a nice touch of fall and Halloween indoors," says Linda Braden, the blogger

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behind *It All Started With Paint*. "I'm partial to the little pumpkins in white that I find at the grocery store; pepper them around the house on bookshelves and mantels and in wire baskets."

Flip the color story

There's nothing wrong with orange — but does it fit in with your year-round decor? If not, skip it. "This year, I'm into the idea of making Halloween work with the colors of my home," says Braden. "So instead of using orange as a contrast to my navy and white decor, I'm creating Halloween and fall decorations that complement it. I'm drawn to white, burlap and jute."

For a hydrangea wreath tutorial, visit Itallstartedwithpaint.com. LINDA BRADEN

The Singing Fountain is a neighborhood landmark. J. FUSCO FOR VISIT PHILADELPHIA

Keep up with the Joneses

Passyunk Square residents are opening their homes for you to check out.

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Peek inside your neighbors' homes, in a totally non-creepy way. The Passyunk Square Civic Association is hosting its annual house tour on Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. For $20, or $25 at the "door," get a copy of the Home Tour Guide book, which will lead you on a self-guided trek through homes in the trendy South Philly neighborhood running from Sixth to Broad streets and from Washington Avenue down to Tasker.

The tour takes you through residences in all stages, from mid-renovation to fully decorated. Meet your hipster neighbors (just kidding; they're not all hipsters), get remodeling and design ideas for your own home, and chat about the best contractors.

The admission price also comes with a slice of cheese pizza at Slice and gets you in to the after-party at the recently re-opened Triangle Tavern, which has managed to retain its old-school neighborhood watering hole charm while adding seitan Buffalo wings to the hearty Italian menu.

The tour kicks off at Benna's Cafe (1236 S. Eighth St.) and proceeds go to support the neighborhood association. Get tickets at Passyunksquare.org.

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No. 1

Patriots (4-0)

This was New England's seventh straight win, dating back to last season's playoffs. They've had some luck facing the Cowboys and Steelers without several stars, but they haven't taken their foot off the pedal.

No. 2

Packers (5-0)

Aaron Rodgers' interception streak ended, but the real story Sunday was the Green Bay defense, which pressured Nick Foles into four interceptions. Stud quarterbacks and ball-hawking defenses are a pretty good combination come playoff time. Just ask the 2009 Saints.

No. 3

Bengals (5-0)

Maybe, this isn't our same old Bengals team. Through three quarters Sunday it looked that way, but give Cincinnati credit for refusing to fold and putting up a monster fourth quarter against the Seattle defense that had been bullying them all day.

No. 4

Cardinals (4-1)

Arizona bounced back well from their first defeat of the season by dispatching the Lions in much the same blowout fashion they'd won their first three. Also encouraging: the return of Andre Ellington, who replaced Chris Johnson with the game well in hand and scored on a 63-yard touchdown run.

No. 5

Broncos (5-0)

The defense is playing better than any in football, but at this rate questions about the offense are going to follow them throughout the season as Peyton Manning continues to, if not struggle, not look like Peyton Manning, and the running game continues to fail to accomplish anything.

No. 6

Falcons (5-0)

So far this season we've all looked at Atlanta and said we believe in the offense, what about the defense? Last Sunday was their week. With Julio Jones banged up and Matt Ryan throwing INTs, it was the defense that kept Washington at bay and, won the game on Robert Alford's overtime pick six.

No. 7

Panthers (4-0)

East to west isn't an easy trip, but it's better than the alternative. The Seahawks have to be the favorite at home, don't they? Maybe not. So far this season, the Panthers have been the team showing the just win mentality that characterized Seattle teams of the past, but this is clearly their biggest test yet.

No. 8

Jets (3-1)

If they can stay focused on the here and now against the Redskins this week, the Jets might be 4-1 heading into a Week 7 matchup in Foxborough. And though they may not have the firepower to overtake New England atop the AFC East, a Wild Card berth is a real possibility.

No. 9

Steelers (3-2)

It took all game, but when Mike Vick and the rest of the Steelers' offense clicked it was beautiful. An overtime loss to Baltimore because of missed field goals and a win in San Diego are a pretty good two weeks spent without starter Ben Roethlisberger.

No. 10

Vikings (2-2)

The Vikings get two weeks to prepare for the Chiefs, but the first week might have to be thrown out after the news that Jamaal Charles has torn his ACL. This puts a damper on a potential exciting Adrian Peterson-Charles matchup at running back, but it does increase the chance the Vikings will see 3-2.

No. 11

Colts (3-2)

The Colts could probably go 8-8 and win the division, because they'd be 8-0 in the division. That said, they're showing improvement all around after that wretched start to the season. If Andre Johnson can start performing against teams he hasn't played for, it would be a big help.

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Rams (2-3)

The idea that Todd Gurley's arrival on the scene could help Nick Foles wasn't on display in Green Bay, as the Packers intercepted Foles four times.

No. 13

Seahawks (2-3)

Well, Thomas Rawls made sure nobody missed Marshawn Lynch, but this is the second game in a row where Seattle's defense has allowed potential game winning drives.

No. 14

Bills (3-2)

Tyrod Taylor stepped up and delivered a win, and it certainly wasn't easy (as it had been in blowout victories over Indianapolis and Miami). It's a big step in his development.

No. 15

Chargers (2-3)

Just one of San Diego's games so far this season has been decided by more than five points. It makes for an exciting season, but the Chargers have to start being on the right end.

No. 16

Giants (3-2)

If this is the Eli Manning the Giants are getting this season, they have to be the favorites in the NFC East, at least while the Cowboys recover.

No. 17

Bears (2-3)

Suddenly that strong performance against Green Bay in the opener looks less like an aberration than it had. This was an impressive comeback, led by Jay Cutler.

No. 18

Redskins (2-3)

Where, oh where has the running game gone in Washington? When Matt Jones and Alfred Morris are both held to 20 yards or less, any quarterback is going to throw picks.

No. 19

Raiders (2-3)

Give Oakland credit for giving Denver a good fight after a heartbreaking loss to the Bears in Week 4. The defense is inconsistent to say the least, but it showed up vs. Denver.

No. 20

Chiefs (1-4)

Not only did they lose to the Bears, they've lose their best player and will now face against the Vikings and Steelers the next two weeks. They're staring 1-6 in the face.

The bottom feeders

- **21 — Cowboys (2-3):** Dallas must find a way to stay afloat until their injured stars can return. If they can, they'll still have a shot at the NFC East.
- **22 — Eagles (2-3):** Against the Saints, the offense and defense had their best games of the season. It's a good place to be.
- **23 — Browns (2-3):** When Josh McCown throws for twice as many yards as Joe Flacco, maybe it's not so surprising to see the Browns come out on top against Baltimore.
- **24 — Ravens (1-4):** When Josh McCown throws for twice as many yards as Joe Flacco, something is very wrong in Baltimore, and it's a defense that has been shredded by the Broncos and Raiders.
- **25 — Titans (1-3):** It was the second-straight game that saw Tennessee blow a lead at home. They'll be the first ones to take a shot at Dan Campbell's Dolphins.
- **26 — Dolphins (1-3):** If there's ever a good time to fire your coach, entering the bye week us probably it.

Temple hosts 0-6 UCF at the Linc Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. GETTY IMAGES

No national ranking, second sell out of season for Temple

Temple's success on the football field is being rewarded by both fans and pundits this season, as the 5-0 program proudly announced it had sold every single ticket for the Notre Dame (5-1) game on Oct. 31.

"The energy and buzz surrounding our football program has never been greater," said Temple University Director of Athletics Dr. Patrick Kraft. "It has been a special year for our entire university, and we are looking forward to an exciting event on Halloween for our fans and the city of Philadelphia.

It's the first time in Temple history the team has sold out two games in a season (the first sell out was the opener against Penn State).

The Owls are also on the cusp of a national ranking, receiving just enough votes to fall 26th in the AP poll and 27th in the Coaches Poll.

ESPN has the Owls 23rd in their power rankings. METRO

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Inconsistent Flyers continue to pose unanswered questions

The Flyers have been putrid one game and stellar the next as they prepare to face defending champion Chicago Blackhawks.

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Monday's 1-0 win was the first win in a home opener by that score since the Flyers' first ever home game in 1967. GETTY IMAGES

The Flyers said they couldn't wait to get back at the Panthers in their home opener on Monday following an embarrassing 7-1 loss in Florida on Saturday night.

They said they didn't play with enough emotion, got outbattled and failed to match the Panthers' competitiveness over the weekend. The lackluster result led to a players' only meeting afterward — not a good sign two games into the season.

However, they said Monday's rematch in their own building would be different. And they backed up their words behind an energy-packed, tension-filled 1-0 win spearheaded by backup goalie Michal Neuvirth.

They killed six power plays, including a four-minute power play in the second minute of the game, were physical, won battles along the boards and played with an edge that sorely was missing in the first meeting.

All good signs, no doubt. Still, stop us if you've heard this before: The Flyers fail to put a consistent effort together from one game to the next.

It was one of their biggest issues from last season and one of the main reasons they sat out the playoffs for the second time in three years.

> *"It's little things and it's a game of inches sometimes. Saturday, not a lot of things went right. ... [Monday], we were in pretty good position. We were pretty scrappy."*
>
> Flyers head coach Dave Hakstol

"We need to play consistent hockey all year long," said Brayden Schenn, who scored the game's lone goal Monday. "You don't make the playoffs in this league without being consistent. Teams are too good. Everyone beats everyone so you have to bring your 'A' game every night and make sure you are competing every night to be successful."

Although the sample size is small, the Flyers' start to the season resembles the same problem they had a year ago.

They opened the 2015-16 campaign on Thursday with a hard-fought 3-2 overtime loss to the Lightning, who lost to the Blackhawks in the Stanley Cup final last spring. The Flyers followed that effort up by falling into a 4-0 hole in the first 6:46 of the game, the second-fastest four goals ever allowed by the organization, two days later in Florida. Then, they got some revenge at home against those same Panthers.

Good effort. Bad effort. Good effort.

"The key to playing consistent is if you have a really good game or a really bad game, it doesn't really matter," captain Claude Giroux said. "You just have to put it behind you and you get ready for the next game."

And that means forgetting about the Panthers and turning their focus to Wednesday's game against Chicago.

"We played a solid game tonight but we have Chicago up next," Giroux said. "So we have to forget this game and be ready for the Blackhawks, who have been playing pretty good."

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Michal Neuvirth became the 28th goaltender in Flyers history to record a shutout Monday night. GETTY IMAGES

No Mason? No problem for Flyers (for now, at least)

Was Michal Neuvirth's Monday night shutout a stopgap or a statement?

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With Steve Mason away from the team for an undisclosed personal reason, for a yet indefinite amount of time, the Flyers were thrown for a loop heading into their third game of the season Monday.

Or maybe they weren't, as newly signed backup goalie Michal Neuvirth shut out the Panthers in his team debut. It's a task that took Steve Mason 32 games to achieve last year (if you don't include a 1-0 shootout loss in November).

"There are a lot of things that happen in a season," Flyers captain Claude Giroux said Monday. "I think the main focus is to make sure everybody stays together stay tight, and I think it's a great example when you win a 1-0 game like that. Obviously, [Neuvirth] had a lot of big saves for us, and I think the fans and forwards were trying to do our best to help him, and I think the fans really did a good job."

The keeper, off to a solid start, could very likely get the call to start against last year's Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks on Wednesday (an 8 p.m. start that will honor Kimmo Timonen's retirement). And Flyers fans will certainly be hoping he feels as good then as he did Wednesday.

"I thought I had a good pregame skate," Neuvirth said, explaining his preparation prior to the victory. "I think the last game helped me a lot. I was coming to the game more relaxed. I was just feeling good the whole day and the guys followed me. They did an outstanding job; so many blocked shots in front of me. Great team effort."

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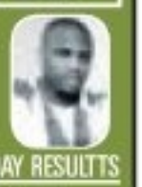
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